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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/474,916

Filed: December 29, 1999

For: DRIVE MECHANISM FOR A BICYCLE TRANSMISSION ASSIST

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2001, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 1 is a partial cross sectional view of a bicycle bottom bracket assembly 10 that incorporates a particular embodiment of an assisting apparatus 14 according to the present invention for shifting a bicycle transmission. Bottom bracket assembly 10 includes a bottom bracket shell 18 that is mounted to a typical bicycle frame (not shown), a tubular axle supporting sleeve 22, a sleeve coupler 26, an axle 30, ball bearings 34 and 38, and crank arm assemblies 42 and 46. Axle supporting sleeve 22 has a radially outwardly extending flange 50 on a first end thereof for retaining a mounting member 300 of assisting apparatus 14 to bottom bracket shell 18, bearing surfaces 58

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 with copies of cited references.
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